

# **AB 1252 (Pavley)**

## **Mulholland Scenic Highway Designation Act**

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### **IN BRIEF**

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AB 1252 is a district bill that would require that the Department of Transportation grant Mulholland Highway official county scenic highway status provided that the County of Los Angeles can demonstrate that the Highway meets the minimum state standards for official scenic highway designation.

### **PROBLEM**

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Under existing law, the Department of Transportation, at the recommendation of the Departmental Transportation Advisory Committee, can authorize a county to designate a highway within that county to be an official county scenic highway. This designation is authorized only if the county in which the highway resides can show that the highway meets the minimum state standards for official scenic highways.

Though seemingly straightforward, the authorization process currently required for scenic highway designation is cumbersome and time-consuming. In many cases, the authorization process can drag on for several years.

Mulholland Highway is already designated a scenic highway on Los Angeles County planning maps. Los Angeles County has recently amended its general plan to include significant viewshed protections for the area encompassing Mulholland Highway's route.

Assemblymember Pavley believes that Los Angeles County has already satisfied the planning and viewshed protection criteria required by state law for scenic highway designation of Mulholland Highway.

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In short, AB 1252 would streamline the state's process by which Mulholland Highway, a 28-mile mountain roadway that traverses the Santa

Monica Mountains, could be deemed a state-authorized county scenic highway.

This bill is similar to AB 1070 (Chapter 758 of 2001), which allowed Malibu Canyon Road to be designated a state-authorized County Scenic Highway.

### **SUPPORT/OPPOSITION**

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None on file.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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